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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 201

[No. LS-94-012]

RIN 0581-AB55

Amendments to Regulations Under the Federal Seed Act; Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed rule to amend the Regulations under the Federal Seed Act (FSA).

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is extending the public comment period from December 21, 1998, until February 4, 1999, on the proposed rule to amend the Regulations under FSA. The proposed changes would designate seeds of species listed in the Federal Noxious Weed Act (FNWA) as noxious in interstate commerce, add kinds to the list of those subject to the FSA, update the seed testing regulations, update the seed certification regulations, and correct several minor errors. This proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1998.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Dr. Richard C. Payne, Acting Chief, Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, Room 209, Building 306, BARC-E., Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2325. Comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in Room 209, Building 306, BARC-E., Beltsville, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard C. Payne, Acting Chief, Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, Room 209, Building 306, BARC-E., Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2325. Telephone 301/504-9430, FAX 301/504-5454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose

A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1998 (63 FR 55964). The purpose of the proposed rule is to designate seeds of species listed in the FNWA as noxious and prohibit the shipment of agricultural and vegetable seeds containing them, to add two kinds to the list of those subject to FSA, to update the seed testing regulations, to update the seed certification regulations, and to correct several minor errors in the regulations.

Reason for Granting the Extension

The American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), a national trade organization representing nearly 800 seed companies, that will be affected by the proposal, has requested a 45-day extension of the comment period. ASTA had requested the extension to address concerns raised by ASTA members. Several ASTA committees and the ASTA Board of Directors will be meeting in late January. The meetings will provide ASTA an opportunity to consider the proposed regulations and prepare comments.

After careful consideration of the request submitted to the Agency, AMS has decided to grant an extension of the comment period for an additional 45 days or until February 4, 1999. AMS believes this 45-day extension making a total comment period of 105 days provides a sufficient period of time for all interested persons to review the proposed rule and submit comments. Accordingly, AMS is extending the comment period on the proposed rule until February 4, 1999.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1592.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

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Deputy Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 70

Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material; Request For Public Comments on Rulemaking Activities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Request for public input on rule development.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is making available, through the use of the Internet, draft rule language and associated guidance documents governing Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material and requesting public comment. The Commission has directed the staff to continue public discussion of all relevant documents with stakeholders, including use of the Internet, and submit a revised proposed rulemaking package for Commission approval in June 1999. After Commission approval, a proposed rule will be published for public comment.

DATES: Public input is solicited during development of the proposed rule package, but to be most helpful, should be received by dates that will be specified on the Internet site. Comments received after the dates specified will be considered for development of the proposed rule if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is only able to ensure consideration of comments received on or before the specified dates. If appropriate, late comments may be considered as part of the comments received during the formal public comment period on the proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the draft rule language and associated documents can be obtained either electronically at the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website under the topic "Revised Requirements for the Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material (Part 70)" at <http://techconf.LLNL.gov/cgi-bin/topics> or from the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202-634-3273; fax 202-634-3343.

Comments may be posted electronically on the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/messages?dom—lic>. Comments